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1. RATIFICATION OF RP-JAPAN TREATY OF AMITY, COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION WAS COMPLETED DEC. 27 IN CEREMONY AT DFA DURING WHICH FORMAL INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION WERE EXCHANGED BY FONSEC ROMULO AND AMBASSADOR URABE. ROMULO ANNOUNCED HITHERTO UNREVEALED FACT THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS HAD RATIFIED TREATY ON DECEMBER 21, THREE DAYS BEFORE JAPANESE CABINET ARJION REPORTED REFTEL. TREATY WILL ENTER INTO FORCE 1/27/74.

2. AS EXPECTED (REFTEL) ROMULO TRANSMITTED NOTE TO URABE CONCERNING NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TREATY
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"IN CASE THE PHILIPPINES BECOMES A MEMBER OF A CUSTOMS

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UNION OR A FREE TRADE AREA, SUCH AS CONTEMPLATED
BY ASEAN..." TEXTS OF NOTE AND DFA PRESS RELEASES
ON RATIFICATION BEING POUCHED DEPT AND EMBASSY
TOKYO.

3. REMARKS MADAXBY ROMULO AFTER CEREMONY REFERRED TO
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN A NUMBER OF GOP CABINET
OFFICIALS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF JAPANESE EMBASSY
CONCERNING RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY. HE ALLUDED TO
QUESTIONS WHICH HAD BEEN RAISED ON PHILIPPINE
SIDE ABOUT THE TREATY, NOTING THAT DPROPOSALS HAVE
BEEN ADVANCED AND MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN WITH A
VIEW TO WORKING OUT AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION." HE
ADDED WITHOUT ELABORATION CONCERNING "SAFEGUARDS"
(I.E. FOR DOMESTIC INDUSTRY AND TRADE) THAT
"APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THE FORM
OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREES, AND OTHER LAWS, RULES AND
REGULATIONS." HE CONCLUDED WITH EXPRESSION OF HOPE
THAT THE TREATY RATIFICATION WILL USHER IN AN
ERA OF CLOSER COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP FOR THE
TWO COUNTRIES' MUTUAL ADVANCEMENT AND PROSPERITY.

4. AMBASSADOR URABE NOTED HISTORY OF DIFFICULTIES
TREATY HAD ENCOUNTERED IN PHILIPPINES, OBSERVING THAT
FAILURE OF ITS RATIFICATION "HAS ALWAYS BEEN A
SHADOW UPON THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO
NATIONS, BECAUSE SUCH A FAILURE TENDS TO GERMINATE
VARIOUS KINDS OF MISTRUST." HE PAID TRIBUTE TO
STATESMANSHIP OF PRESIDENT MARCOS AND HIS AIDES FOR
NOW HAVING TURNED "A NEW PAGE IN THE HISTORY OF OUR
RELATIONS." HE EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT THE
TREATY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING COOPERATION
AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN TWO NATIONS, BUT OBSERVED THAT
BOTH SIDES MUST CONTINUE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP

AND "TRY TO ACHIEVE MORE THAN WHAT THE TREATY
PROVIDES."

5. RATIFICATION CEREMONY WAS PRECEDED BY
EXCHANGE OF NOTES PROVIDING JAPANESE LOAN OF 4.7
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BILLION YEN (APPROX $17 MILLION) COVERING PNR
COMMUTER SERVICE AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION
PROJECTS. ROMULO NOTED THAT LOAN HAD BEEN
NEGOTIATED SOME TIME BEFORE, HAD NO
CONNECTION WITH TREATY RATIFICATION.
SULLIVAN

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